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Attorney General Bruning Files Additional Charge Against Former Adams County Treasurer

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(Lincoln, Neb.) Attorney General Jon Bruning today filed an additional charge against former Adams County Treasurer Julia M. Moeller.

Moeller, 67, and her husband Dwane C. Moeller, 69, were each charged with one count of evasion of sales tax. A State Patrol investigation showed that the Moellers purchased a 2006 Cadillac Escalade for \$45,000 in April of 2007. At the time they also received \$16,000 trade-in value on their pickup truck. When the couple titled and registered their vehicle in Adams County they inflated the trade-in value to \$29,000 which reduced the tax base so the Moellers didn't have to pay more than \$1,000 in sales tax.

"This is the second time Ms. Moeller is in trouble with the law for tax evasion," said Bruning. "Her unlawful behavior is unacceptable. Nebraskans deserve better from their public servants."

In September of 2008, Moeller, 66, and employee Michelan Parr were charged with tax evasion, official misconduct in office and abuse of public records in September of 2008 after a Nebraska State Patrol investigation showed Moeller purchased a 2004 Scottsdale motor home in Nebraska and then took it to Texas to register and license it. In order to do that, she had to show Texas officials that she paid sales tax in Nebraska since she purchased the vehicle here. According to the investigation, Moeller had Parr, 41, make out a bogus statement saying Moeller paid \$4,000 in Nebraska sales tax when she didn't. Parr later faxed that statement to Texas officials. Moeller was not only Parr's supervisor, she is also her mother. Both Moeller and Parr are awaiting trial on the charges above.

Moeller resigned as Adams County Treasurer in January of 2009.

Tax evasion is a class IV felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine or both.

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